

Checkerboard Challenge by Arcadia

One answer is the name of a UK company*. Each set of across and down clues contains an extra word, relevant to the final step.

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GRID B →

Numbered entries clued. Answer to clue to 16 central squares must be entered jumbled, so as to make all real words in the full grid,

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GRID A – definitions only

GRID E →

Add the contents of the equivalent cells in grids A to D (counting A as 1, 27, 53, B=2, 28, 54 and so on) to the equivalent letter in grid E, then follow the instruction which appears

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← GRID D

Clues give four-letter words which occupy (in order, although not necessarily consecutively or starting at the first cell) four of the eight cells in each row or column, so that all 64 cells are filled with real words.

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Grid A	
Across	Down
1 Induce lumbago? (8)	1 Falsify (8)
9 Masonry of uniform blocks (8)	2 Small openings (8)
10 Napoleon's place of exile (8)	3 Maori priests (8)
11 Water-parsnip genus (4)	4 The same (4)
12 Miners' truck (4)	5 SI unit of potential difference (8)
13 Units of weight (4)	6 New-Worlder (8)
15 Strain (dialect) (4)	7 Coarse grained igneous rock (8)

16 Spanish arresting officer (8)	8 US painter of glossy finish (8)
17 Sporting colleague (8)	14 Japanese wrestling (4)
18 Court absentee with excuses (8)	15 Lapp smallpox (4)
Grid B	
Across	Down
1 Barmen with one for afternoon nappers(8)	1 Mortars came most violently (8, two words)
5 Bare bums making organ stop(4)	2 Nigerians raise cry in extremity (4)
6 Utter ecstasy by Cambridge University(4)	3 Restrained a traffic warden? (4)
9 Surprisingly prevalence came top (4)	4 They may spare money in sterling on Sabbath (8)
10 Parrot-wrasse to mark reef (4)	7 Pocket unopened old brooch (4)
11 Checks special old fragment in layers (8)	8 Heartless sailor's fishing net (4)
Grid C	Centre - Close old Glaswegian shrink for adolescent reportedly giving insulin (16, two words)
Numbered (all 4 letters)	Lettered (all 4 letters)
1 Scot abandoning West African engine?	A Himalayan goat guides the herd oddly
2 Comic Victorian fabric	B Lean remainder
3 Speck of skunk finally magnified by ten?	C Difficulties, granted large numbers
4 Partly Brazilian tapir	D Cherry lost in Perth
5 Cheers on garden intruder	E Gypsy woman's tea
6 Reportedly make eagle	F Embroider border matweed
7 A largely uncommon Moroccan tree	G Identical hill stratum
8 Lake piranha centrally set in line	H Artist made face
	I Headland since long ago
Grid D (all 4 letters)	
1 Returning prophet's body	A Paramilitary organisation's backing long dress
2 Restraint on a Shakespearean gaoler	B African Union Legislative Assembly Hall
3 Poet's dull round enclosures	C Rested one dying widow
4 Regretted vulgar broadcast	D Restore navy out of Scots tax
5 Lecturer in English verse	E Scare away small tabby
6 Prudish, naked, freezing in the Alps once	F Battery maker's cycling squad*
7 Square in previously not out	G Strain paraffin over remains
8 Boastful talk about energy works in Ayr	H Frenchman breaking his queen's heart